

Order of the Worship Service  
Second Sunday after Christmas  
January 5, 2025, 10:00am  
David Shew, preaching

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life

\*Call to Worship

One: Wise men came from the East to worship one they had never seen.

**All: They brought rich gifts to one they did not even know. Yet in giving, they grew in wisdom.**

One: For them, a King had come that would not be a tyrant. The little child was for them the focus of all meaning.

**All: This King would make all things new. They saw beyond the facts to the reality, and they went home changed.**

One: Come, come everyone, from the East and from everywhere,

**All: Come and worship Christ, the new-born King.**

\*Opening Hymn 63

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of starlight, shine your love into the darkness of our lives. Preoccupied with ourselves, we forget the needs of others; we participate in systems that oppress; we accept violence as a way of life; we fail to respond to the cry of others.**

**Nourished in the sunlight of your love, may we grow into people who live in righteousness and who work for justice for all your children. Amen.**

Moments of Silence

\*Congregation please stand if you are able

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the Good News! Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners. Friends, in his name I declare to you: Yours sins are forgiven!

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

Moment for Children

*Gracie Goldman*

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

*Matthew 2:7-16*

Sermon

*The Magi and the Mad  
preaching*

*David Shew,*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*John Welton, presiding*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn 66

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Blessing

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## Announcements

Coffee, tea, and snacks will be served in Fellowship Hour following worship.

Today and during the coming week at First Presbyterian Church please note:

- Until we can hire a new Audio/Visual Tech, we will use paper bulletins during the service. Use the Hymnal in the pews to access the hymn lyrics.
- Red Door Youth Group resumes this evening in the Youth Lounge from 6-7:30pm.
- The Board of Deacons will hold their first meeting of 2025 on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00pm.

### Giving Opportunities

- Place your offering in the plates during church services when they are brought to you during the Offertory.
- You may also give online on our website: <https:fpcdurango.org/give>.
- Today is the final Sunday for collecting The Christmas Joy Offering. Envelopes and more information about this denomination-wide offering are available at the ushers' stations.



Interim Pastor: The Rev. John Welton  
Preaching: David Shew, Dir. for Administrative Ministry  
Worship Leader: Cathy Roberts  
Organist: Robin Goldman  
Music Director: Tom Kyser  
Leader for the Moment for Children: Gracie Goldman

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